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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 450
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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize The Sweet Fanny
Adams Theatre.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary institutions and organizations that enrich the lives of the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, The Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre is one such organization which has served the Gatlinburg area for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Owned and operated by Pat and Don MacPherson, this wonderful theatre, with its name in red neon and jaunty red flags flying from its roof, is the home of the Great Victorian Amusement Company, the area's only alternative act to country music-based programs; and

WHEREAS, The Great Victorian Amusement Company presents two original musical comedies on alternating nights each year, from late April until early November, when the company begins its Christmas Show; each night's performance is comprised of the main

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feature, an old time sing-along, and olio reviews, which showcases the considerable talents of each cast member; and

WHEREAS, The exceptional members of the Great Victorian Amusement Company, Don and Pat MacPherson, Tim Coleman, Janice Snider, Gail Canney, Chris MacPherson, Jennifer MacPherson Evans, and Nicola Smith nimbly wind their audience through two hours of non-stop laughter; and

WHEREAS, The musicals, written by Pat MacPherson, encompass a variety of themes; past shows have included, "Not Quite Frankenstein," a spoof of Mary Shelley's class horror story; "The Phantom of the Opry," a send-up of the "Phantom of the Opera"; "Billy, Best of the West," a nod to the western genre; "It happened at the Dead Parrot Café," an adventure done in droll film noir style; and "The Red Banana Follies," which celebrates Vaudeville in its hey-day; and

WHEREAS, The onstage antics of the cast members, which include a classically trained opera singer, a ballet dancer, a former clown from Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey's Circus, a real estate agent, a marine biologist, and a comedienne who is reminiscent of the late great Gracie Allen, are guaranteed to not only keep the audience laughing, but usually the cast as well; and

WHEREAS, The MacPhersons and their ensemble participate each year in Gatlinburg's annual Fourth of July parade, and have won several first prizes for their innovative and inventive floats; and

WHEREAS, The cast of the Great Victorian Amusement Company has a genuine affection and love for their audience, which is reciprocated by their audience's genuine affection and love for them; attracting loyal fans, families plan vacations to make sure they are able to spend an evening at Sweet Fanny Adams and tour directors make reservations in advance to ensure their customers a seat; and

WHEREAS, For twenty-five years, the MacPhersons and their company have been able to create an evening of magic and wonder for those fortunate enough to attend the performances; and

WHEREAS, The Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre has established an outstanding tradition of quality entertainment; and is a tremendous asset to the Gatlinburg community and to Tennessee; it is our privilege to pay tribute to this exceptional institution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre for twenty-five years of spectacular entertainment, commend Pat and Dan MacPherson and the other sensational cast members of the Great Victorian Amusement Company for their hard work, artistry, and commitment, and applaud the theatre's significant contributions to the business and art communities of Gatlinburg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to the owners of the Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre and the cast of the Great Victorian Amusement Company our best wishes for every continued future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.